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## Inspections By RG&E Personnel

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RG&E personnel have begun an annual, year-long safety inspection of gas facilities in certain public buildings which, I thought you, the public, would want to know about. The inspectors are checking RG&E gas facilities inside and outside of buildings, looking for possible gas leaks and verifying the accessibility of the outside gas shut-off valve.

This ongoing safety inspection program includes buildings where large numbers of the public congregate, including churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, child-care centers, and large factories and stores.

Although the RG&E service people are coming unannounced they can be identified by the blue RG&E "bump hats" they will be wearing and their RG&E vehicles. Furthermore, all employees carry Company identification cards with

their picture, name and signature and RG&E's logo and full corporate name, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation.

There is another way to obtain verification of their visit also. During the day ask the employees for the name of their department and their extension number, then call for verification. After 5:00 p.m. it is still possible to get a verification because RG&E maintains 24-hour telephone service and evening personnel should be able to determine where representatives are scheduled to go. Again, ask the service person for the proper extension number at RG&E and call that number. RG&E's phone number for Rochester-Monroe County is 546-2700. In the Lakeshore, and Canandaigua/Finger Lakes Districts you will want to check your telephone directory.

## From the Home Service Department Make A Habit Out of Safety

Safety is important in every room of the home. The kitchen, due to the large number of major and small appliances found in it, requires extra cautions:

1. Keep the range away from windows. Curtains blowing across surface units are a possible fire hazard. If you have a gas range, the winds could blow out the pilot light. Dangerous gas fumes could build up as a result of this.
2. Turn pot handles away from the edge to avoid having them accidentally tipped over on children and adults.
3. Avoid long flowing sleeves when using the range.
4. Don't leave the oven door open. Adults and children may walk into the hot surface by accident.
5. Tie hair back when working in the kitchen for both safety and sanitary reasons. Synthetic wigs may become singed and melt when subjected to high heat.
6. If you feel a shock disconnect the appliance and do not use again until repairs are made.

7. To insure safe use of electrical appliances purchase only those that carry the UL (Underwriters Laboratory) seal of approval. Both seals indicate appliances have passed standards of safety.
8. If despite, all cautions a fire does occur, do not panic: a. Turn off the surface unit and cover the pan, or turn off the oven and keep the door closed, or b. use recommended fire extinguisher, or c. pour baking soda on the fire. Never use water on grease fires. It spreads the flame.

Making a habit out of safety can insure a safe home for you.

### Booklets Available on Energy Conservation

Are you in the position of wanting to conserve energy, while not knowing exactly what to do? RG&E has several booklets available which can help you. Send in the coupon on this page with a request for any or all of these booklets: "Living with the Energy Crisis," "Watt Watcher Handbook," "53 Ways to Save Money on Your Gas and Electric Bills," and "Know Your Range," (a booklet with particular emphasis on oven meals.)

## Come out to Brookwood And let us entertain you

Where can you find entertainment that is not very far away, doesn't cost much, has no parking problem, is educational and is something the whole family can enjoy? Answer: The Brookwood Science Information Center. It is located on beautiful Lake Ontario, 16 miles east of the

city in Ontario, N.Y. There is no admission charge to the Center, and it has plenty of free parking.

Best of all, a visit to the Brookwood Science Information Center is an experience that the whole family can learn from and enjoy at the same time.

At Brookwood you and your family will learn a fascinating story. It's about the atom. How it splits. And how the energy from the splitting of the atom (a process known as nuclear fission) is used to produce the heat that is used in the generation of electricity.

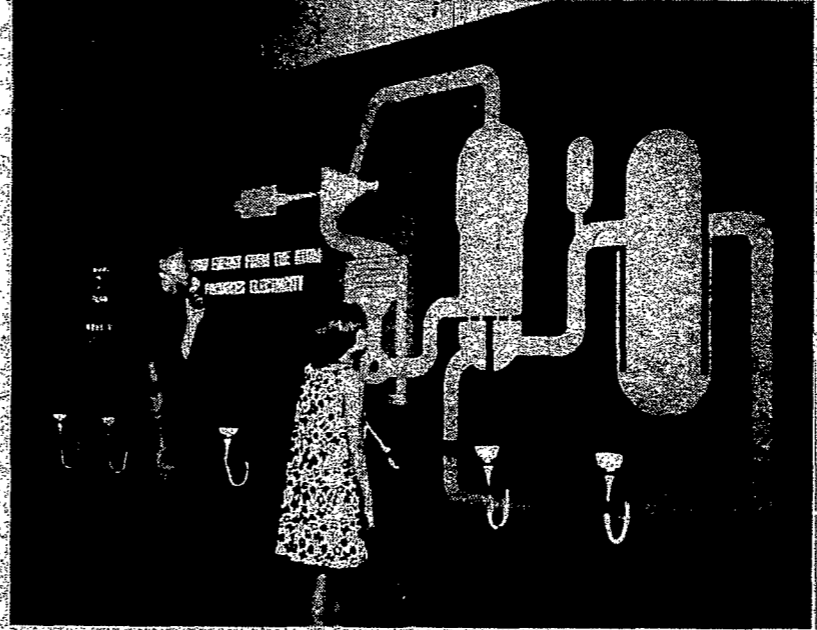
Animated displays with taped narrations graphically illustrate the generation of electricity, the structure of the atom and the occurrence of nuclear fission.

A narrated flow diagram shows you how heat from Ginna's nuclear reactor produces steam to operate the turbine that drives the electric generator. Films and slide shows also help in the telling of this marvelous story.

But the most meaningful part of your visit to Brookwood will probably be your conversations with the staff members. They are ready to answer any questions you have about Ginna, nuclear power plants in general and about how RG&E plans to meet future energy needs. Questions like - How much natural radiation are people living in this area exposed to? What are our future needs for energy, and will RG&E be able to meet them? What about so-called thermal pollution?

Next time you have relatives visiting, and you are looking for a way to entertain them, or the children are home for vacation and looking for something different to do, bring them out to the Brookwood Science Information Center. It is open Sunday through Thursday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Arrangements for special group visits can be made by calling 546-2700, extension 291-203.

During the month of May you can see a preview of your visit to Brookwood when you stop in at our Consumer Information Center on the Main Floor at 89 East Avenue. We're open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.



Preview your visit to Brookwood at our Consumer Information Center, Main floor, 89 East Avenue.

## Is something missing from your pool?

It's small, it doesn't cost much, it doesn't take up much room. But it can save your life! It's called a ground-fault circuit-interrupter.

Ground-fault circuit-interrupters provide back-up protection against the hazards of electric shock. As you know, water and electricity don't mix. Even a tiny current leak in your pool is a hazard. The electric current can seek ground through your body. If such a leak develops, a ground-fault circuit-interrupter cuts the power off fast-fast enough to avoid a dangerous threat to you or your family. No other pieces of equipment can do this.

If your pool was installed professionally after January 1972, you probably have a ground-fault circuit-interrupter. It is so important that the National Electric Code requires one on all outdoor receptacles between 10 and 15 feet of the inside walls of in-ground or above-ground pools installed after that date. Check to be sure. If you don't have one, give yourself the protection you deserve now. Considering the alternatives, is there any choice?

### Plug into Outdoor Safety

Using your electric tools outdoors can make any job

more enjoyable. A ground-fault circuit-interrupter on the outside electric outlet is a must to ensure work safety.

Potential hazards from electric shock are created any time power equipment is used out-of-doors. Standing on damp ground, or in or around a puddle, can be dangerous if electric current leakage occurs. Your body can become the fastest path the electric current travels from appliance to ground. A ground-fault circuit-interrupter will detect even the smallest amount of leakage and cut the power before a tragedy can happen.

This essential device offers unique protection. You owe yourself and your family a ground-fault circuit-interrupter installation on every outdoor receptacle.

FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS COUPON TO: **CJ-11**  
 Dept. 34 Rochester Gas and Electric  
 89 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. 14649  
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